

SSB 6020 - S AMD 548

By Senators Keiser, McCoy, Hatfield

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1 On page 34, after line 7, insert the following:

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to 2013 2nd sp.s. c
5 19 (uncodified) to read as follows:

6 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

7 Flood Hazard Reduction Grants (91000239)

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9 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
10 conditions and limitations:

11 (1) \$15,00,000 of the appropriation in this section is provided
12 solely for a statewide competitive grant program for flood hazard
13 reduction projects that also protect or restore floodplain ecosystem
14 functions.

15 (a) Grants may be distributed on a competitive basis to the
16 following eligible entities: Counties, cities, federally recognized
17 Indian tribes; port districts; flood control districts; conservation
18 districts; and diking and drainage districts.

19 (b) Applicants must provide a twenty percent match from nonstate
20 sources. The nonstate match may include cash on hand, the value of
21 real property when acquired solely for the purpose of the project, the
22 proceeds of a letter of credit or other binding loan commitment, a
23 pledge commitment, and in-kind contributions. Applicants may receive
24 credit for properly documented nonstate matching funds that were
25 contributed no earlier than ten years prior to the grant solicitation
26 round and that are related to the needs identified in the project

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1 application. The department may develop additional requirements
2 related to documenting the value of the nonstate match.

3 (c) The department, in consultation with the office of financial
4 management, must evaluate, score, and rank applications based on the
5 following criteria, in descending order of priority:

6 (i) Projects that achieve multiple benefits, including, but not
7 limited to, cost-effective flood hazard reduction to people, property,
8 critical facilities, and transportation corridors, flood risk
9 reduction, salmon recovery, water quality improvements, habitat
10 restoration, agricultural viability, public access, and channel
11 migration zone protection. Projects must address both reduction and
12 prevention of flood risks, and protection or restoration of floodplain
13 ecosystem functions. For the Chehalis river basin, projects may also
14 include, but not be limited to, an upstream water retention facility.

15 (A) Priority must first be given to projects that:

16 (I) Are located in a county or counties covered by ten or more
17 state emergency flood proclamations from 1996 to 2012; and

18 (II) Are part of a basin-wide strategy created by a governor's
19 work group in close collaboration with an Indian tribe and a
20 multicounty flood authority.

21 (B) Priority must next be given to projects in counties that have
22 historically been and are projected to continue to be at greatest risk
23 and most vulnerable to flooding;

24 (ii) Projects that are consistent with and recommended by a
25 collaborative planning and approval process that includes public
26 comment, such as a comprehensive flood hazard management plan, a
27 hazard mitigation plan, a comprehensive plan, a watershed plan, or
28 other applicable plans;

29 (iii) Projects that minimize or eliminate future costs for
30 maintenance, operation, or emergency response; and

31 (iv) Projects that are ready to proceed with the scope of work,
32 and whose sponsors have the capacity to complete the project
33 successfully.

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2	Appropriation:		
3	State Building Construction Account--State	\$15,000,000	
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5	Prior Biennia (Expenditures)	\$0	
6	Future Biennia (Projected Costs)	\$0	
7	TOTAL		\$15,000,000"

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9 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any

10 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Provides \$15 million in bonds for flood hazard mitigation grants.

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